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## THE DEADLY WORK OF KANSAS TRAIN WRECKERS

Remove Spikes Securing the Rails  
and Ditch the Train, Killing Two  
of the Employees.

Reading, Kan.—Santa Fe train No. 17, westbound, was wrecked at Badger creek bridge, about five miles west of Reading, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The tender left the track, derailling all the baggage and express cars and the first two coaches. One express car turned over and caught fire, in which one of the messengers were killed. His remains were recovered. The engineer and two other messengers were seriously injured, the former fatally. No passengers were injured.

It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The spike securing one rail and the fish plate had been removed. Three other passenger trains, including Superintendent Fox's special, had passed over the same tracks a short time before No. 17 was wrecked.

J. E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe railroad, has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the man or men who wrecked the train.

### PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL.

Favorable Report on the Administra-  
tion Measure.

Washington.—By a vote of 7 to 5, the house committee on ways and means reported favorably on Tuesday on the Payne bill admitting all Philippine products into the United States free, excepting sugar and tobacco, which are to pay 25 per cent of the Dingley rates until 1909, when they are also to go on the free list. Two amendments were made to the measures originally introduced in the house by Mr. Payne. At the suggestion of Representative Hill of Connecticut, a provision was added that all American sugar and tobacco are to be admitted into the Philippines free of duty, and a new section was added, which provides that no Philippine products now in warehouses in the United States shall be exempted from duties under the proposed measure.

### WORKMEN BLOWN TO PIECES.

Explosion of Dynamite Occurs in the  
Heart of New York City.

New York.—Three men were blown to pieces, seven others were more or less seriously hurt and the occupants of fashionable hotels and residences in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street were startled Tuesday by an explosion of dynamite in the excavation for the new Altman building.

The explosion was caused by a workman unintentionally striking a heavy charge of dynamite which had been placed in a drill hole in a ledge of rocks several days ago and which defied all efforts to explode it at that time.

### Root Has No Objections.

Washington.—Ambassador White, who has been named as one of the representatives of the United States at the approaching Moroccan conference, has informed Secretary Root of the proposition now being placed before European governments to change the place for the conference from Algiers to Madrid. Mr. White's statement did not appear to require any direct expression by the state department upon this matter just at present, but it is stated that no objection suggests itself to the change in programme.

### Ammonia Ruined the Sight of Insane

Mrs. Ina Berry.

Kansas City.—Mrs. Ina Berry, late of Northport, Wash., who recently defied arrest for four days in a railway coach in which she had fortified herself at Girard, Kan., underwent an operation here on Tuesday in which her left eye was removed. The eyesight had been destroyed by the ammonia used by her captors in driving the woman from the coach. Mrs. Berry is an inmate of a sanitarium in this city.

### Workmen Buried in Tunnel.

New York.—The two men who had been buried in the East river tunnel for nearly forty hours were taken out Tuesday. Rescuers penetrated the tunnel in a boat. Workmen were still attempting to force a hole through the cement roof of the tunnel as it was thought that still other men were imprisoned in the tube. When the rescued workmen had recovered sufficiently to speak intelligently they said they were the only men caught in the tunnel.

## NOT SO EASY AS WAS KOREA

Japanese Having Difficulties  
in Forcing Concessions  
From Chinese.

The Continued Failure of Baron Komura to Conclude the Negotiations  
is an Open Secret—Suspension of Negotiations is  
Openly Advocated.

Tokio.—The continued failure of Baron Komura to conclude the negotiations with the Chinese government at Peking, which were begun after the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war, is an open secret. It is believed by some Japanese here that the extent of Japan's concessions are such as will fail to secure what they think should have properly been her acquisitions as the result of the treaty of Portsmouth.

For example, the building of the Kinrin-Ching-Chung railway has not been conceded, and the stationing of railway guards is not to be permitted, leaving the work in the hands of the police, who will be withdrawn when the period for the withdrawal of troops expires.

China's firm attitude is believed to be due to combined pressure indirectly exerted by Russia, France and Germany. The outcry against the alleged weakness of the cabinet is increasing, and some persons advocate the suspension of the Peking negotiations.

The kindness of the emperor of Germany to former Japanese prisoners of war on their way home is appreciated, but the Japanese appear to be distrustful of his style of diplomacy.

### SUSPEND OPERATIONS.

Two Banks and a Trust Company on  
the Financial Rocks.

Chicago.—Three of the largest financial institutions in the west, the Chicago National bank, the Home Savings bank and the Equitable Trust company, all of them controlled by John R. Walsh of this city, and in great measure owned by him, suspended operations on Monday. Their affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible and they will go out of business. The immediate cause of the collapse of the institutions controlled by Mr. Walsh is said to be the large amount of money which they have loaned to various private enterprises.

### Little Sickness on the Isthmus.

Washington.—The report of Col. W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of the Panama canal zone, for October, shows three cases of yellow fever during the month which, he says, indicates the early disappearance of the disease. Only one case was an employee of the commission. Colonel Gorgas states that Panama has often been free from yellow fever, but the only disappearance was when they had no non-immunes to contract it. During October, he says, they had all the natural conditions favorable for yellow fever; a larger number of non-immunes probably than had ever before been on the isthmus, with a wet and hot month.

### Anti-Foreign Riots in China.

Washington.—The state department has news from Shanghai that a serious situation exists there. Two cablegrams received at the department state that the trouble arose through a strike and was increased by a dispute growing out of some cases being tried before the consular courts. Two foreigners have been killed and many wounded. Naval forces are guarding the streets. Police stations have been burned. No Americans have thus far been injured, but the official statement was made that the situation is regarded as serious. Two American cruisers are now on their way to Shanghai.

Burton of Kansas Is Ignored in Ap-  
pointment of Committees.

Washington.—Standing committees of the senate were announced on Monday. Every Republican senator was given a chairmanship except Burton of Kansas, who was ignored entirely as to assignments, in response to his request that he be not placed on any committee pending the determination of the charges against him in the courts. Vacancies were left for Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin and Senator Gearin of Oregon, neither of whom has been sworn in.

## RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IS COMPELLED TO ACT

Proletariat Seems Determined to Take  
Up Arms and the Issue Will Be  
Accepted—Official Statement  
of Government's Position.

St. Petersburg.—The following statement of the government's position has been issued, and may be accepted as authoritative:

"The government sincerely desired to introduce the new regime without having recourse to harsh measures, but it received no support from the constitutionalists or other moderates, while the proletariat organizations, under the leadership of the Socialists, continued their mad campaign in favor of armed rebellion, and openly incited the army and the navy to mutiny. The climax of this campaign was reached when efforts were made to attack the credit of the country in the midst of a considerable panic. Had the government allowed such efforts to go unchallenged it would have precipitated complete financial and industrial ruin.

"After all self-preservation is the first law of nature, and besides, without the restoration of a semblance of order it would be impossible to hold the elections for the duma. The case was a desperate one and it demanded a desperate remedy.

"The government believes that the radical aims of the Socialists have the sympathy of only a fraction of the population, and that if their leaders should succeed in overthrowing the monarchy and in placing their doctrines in practice they would be swept out of existence by a counter revolution.

"Nevertheless, the government is on the horns of a dilemma, as, no matter how honest its motives, in the present state of excitement they are bound to be misrepresented; while, on the other hand, if enough order can be restored to hold the elections, the cry will be set up that the government has adopted this expedient to control the elections and to capture the duma.

"We have taken the only course left open to us."

### Senate Passes Canal Bill.

Washington.—The senate passed the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill on Saturday, but the result was not attained until after the debate on the bill had been continued the greater part of the day, to the exclusion of practically all other business. Set speeches were made by Mr. Bacon in advocacy of his amendment requiring estimates for the canal commission salaries; by Mr. Allison, who devoted himself largely to the details of the bill; by Mr. Culberson, who criticized the employment of Mr. Bishop as a "press agent;" by Mr. Stone, who criticized the purchase of American ships to carry Panama supplies in face of the announced determination to go abroad for vessels under the conditions then existing; and by Mr. Newlands, who expressed the opinion that the construction of the canal should have been entrusted to the geological survey.

### Says They Buy Students.

Portland, Ore.—In a statement on Saturday, President Dean W. N. Ferrin of Pacific university, Forest Grove, Ore., charged that eastern colleges, and also other Oregon colleges, have purchased the services of students attending Pacific university, showing athletic ability, and attempted to purchase those of other students. President Ferrin states that it is well known that twelve students of Pacific university have received offers from colleges in Oregon and Washington, and that there are at present three members of a Washington college football team recruited from the Pacific university team of 1904.

### McCall Has Pneumonia.

New York.—President John A. McCall, of the New York Life Insurance company, is, according to a story printed on Monday, very ill at his home, 54 West Seventy-second street. Mr. McCall, the report says, was taken down with grip and, contrary to the advice of his physician, he attended on Wednesday of last week a meeting of the directors of the New York Life Insurance company. Since then Mr. McCall has been down with pneumonia.

### Hammond in Montana.

Helena, Mont.—It is reported here that John Hammond, wanted in Albany, N. Y., for killing his wife and locking the body in a trunk, has been seen at or near Forsyth, Rosebud county, and advices to that effect have been wired the New York authorities. It is reported that on November 30 Hammond was seen in Missoula, but all efforts to locate him proved fruitless. Young Strong, the Albany boy who came west with Hammond, deserted him at Missoula after learning of the charge against him.

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